When it comes to certifications that help IT professionals build a foundation for a flourishing career in networking, CompTIA Network+ is the best place to start. While other certifications, such as Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), cover computer networking skills, they don’t place an emphasis on mastery of baseline skills. Here are four reasons we think CompTIA Network+ is the first step for IT pros looking to advance their computer networking career:

**Prepares IT Pros for Specific Job Roles**
Prepares candidates to work with any tool or product, regardless of vendor, which makes an individual’s networking capabilities limitless.

**Provides a Candidate to Support Vendor Solutions**
Prepares a candidate to work with any tool or product, regardless of vendor, which makes an individual’s networking capabilities limitless.

**Benefits Wide Variety of Enterprises**
CompTIA Network+ certified IT pros understand complex networking topics and may be more efficient, which equals cost savings for enterprises.

**Offers Technical Skills Only**
CCNA provides candidates with technical skills, but doesn’t pair them with business skills, such as change management, incident management, and business continuity.

Ready to take the first step toward earning CompTIA Network+? Download the exam objectives to get started.